AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended) A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, wherein a chemical strengthening salt is introduced into a treatment vessel and is melted to obtain a molten chemical strengthening salt and a glass disk is brought into contact with said molten chemical strengthening salt so as to be chemically strengthened, said method is ~~characterized by using a granular chemical strengthening salt so as to prevent scattering in an atmosphere, on introducing the chemical strengthening salt into the treatment vessel~~ comprising:

selecting a granular chemical strengthening salt which has a grain size between 1 mm and 10mm;

introducing the granular chemical strengthening salt into the treatment vessel, and

melting the granular chemical strengthening salt into the molten chemical strengthening salt.

2. (currently amended) A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 1, ~~characterized by using the chemical strengthening salt obtained by shaping powder of a chemical strengthening salt material into grains~~ wherein the selecting comprises:

shaping powder of a chemical strengthening salt material into grains to provide the granular chemical strengthening salt.

3. (currently amended) A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein said glass disk is made of aluminosilicate glass.

4. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a chemically strengthened magnetic disk glass substrate, ~~characterized by comprising a step of~~ comprising:

carrying out a chemical strengthening treatment by the chemical strengthening treatment method according to claim 1.

5. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a magnetic disk, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

forming at least a magnetic layer on the glass substrate obtained by the method according to claim 4.

6. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a chemically strengthened magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 4, ~~characterized by using the granular chemical strengthening salt obtained by shaping powder of a chemical strengthening salt into grains~~ comprising:

shaping powder of a chemical strengthening salt into grains so as to obtain the granular chemical strengthening salt.

7. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a chemically strengthened magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 6, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

chemically strengthening the magnetic disk of the aluminosilicate glass.

8. (currently amended) A method of manufacturing a magnetic disk, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

forming at least a magnetic layer on the glass substrate obtained by the method according to claim 6.

9. (currently amended). A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 2, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ said glass disk is made of aluminosilicate glass.

10. (currently amended). A method of manufacturing a magnetic disk, ~~characterized by~~ comprising:

forming at least a magnetic layer on the glass obtained by the method according to claim 7.

11 (new). A chemical strengthening treatment method of a magnetic disk glass substrate, according to claim 1, wherein the granular chemical strengthening salt is formed of grains which have a weight between 5mg and 15g.